

work, the hard work to defend ourselves from these brutal killers, the hard work to spread freedom and liberty, the work necessary so that someday, people will look back at us and say, “Thank goodness they didn’t lose faith. Thank goodness they were strong in their beliefs that we can overcome this evil and that liberty will help change the world for the better.”

I want to thank you all for coming. I’m ready to go. God bless you all, and God bless our country.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:17 p.m. at the Midwest Livestock and Expo Center. In his remarks, he referred to Senator Zell Miller of Georgia, who made the keynote ad-

dress at the 2004 Republican National Convention; Robert T. Bennett, chairman, Ohio Republican Party; television host Phillip “Dr. Phil” McGraw; Amjad Hussain Farooqi, Pakistani terrorist killed by Pakistani military forces in Nawabshah, Pakistan, on September 26, who participated in the 2002 kidnapping and later killing of Wall Street Journal journalist Daniel Pearl; Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley, American citizens who were killed in Iraq on September 20 and 21, respectively, by militants led by senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarkawi; Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government; and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan.

Remarks in Xenia, Ohio *September 27, 2004*

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. There you go. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. Listen, thank you all for coming out to say hello. As you can see, I’m taking a bus trip. [*Laughter*] It’s a fantastic way to see your beautiful State. I get to wave to people, shake some hands, and tell people that I’m running for a reason. I want this country to be a safer country, a stronger country, and a better country.

I’m proud to be with Mike and Fran DeWine and Congressman Dave Hobson. I want to thank you for coming out to say hello. I’m asking for your help. I’m

asking for your vote. We’ve going to win Ohio again. We’re going to win in November.

God bless you all. Thanks for coming. Great to see you all. Thanks for being here. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:16 p.m. at the Greene County Courthouse. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor John Saraga of Xenia, OH; and Senator Mike DeWine of Ohio and his wife, Fran. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks in West Chester, Ohio *September 27, 2004*

The President. Thanks for coming. Thank you all. Thanks for coming.

Audience members. Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

The President. Thank you all for coming. That’s what I’m here to tell you: I’m ready to lead this Nation for 4 more years. And I’m here to ask for your vote.